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REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present

application. Claims 1-7 are now present in the application. Claims 1-7 have been amended.

Claim 1 is independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully

requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome

the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant greatly appreciates the

indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner.

By the present amendment, claims 1-7 have been amended to address the rejection under

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1-7 are in condition

for allowance.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-7 have been objected to due to the presence of minor informalities. In view of

the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, it

is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal

of this objection are respectfully requested.

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Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite

for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant

regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have

been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Accordingly,

all pending claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection

under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and

that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to

contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington,

D.C. area.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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